

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 12, 2023)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of August 29, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation were presented for:

- A. National Recovery Month
- B. National Suicide Prevention Month
- C. National Senior Activity Center Month

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Decision - Proposed Amendment to the St. Mary's County Energy & Fuel Tax Ordinance

I move to adopt the proposed amendment to the St. Mary's County Energy & Fuel Tax Ordinance, Chapters 267.23, 267.24, and 267.27.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 AND 26, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Snow Hill Park- Updates and Draft Master Plan Approval

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Snow Hill Park Master Plan and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to approve the construction of the park entrance and boat ramp and kayak launch to be scheduled concurrently, yet the boat ramp will not be open for use until the entrance construction is completed and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY25 Waterway Improvement Fund grant application/ Chaptico Wharf

I move to approve the FY25 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Application on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks in the amount of \$199,000 for the Chaptico Wharf Pier improvements and authorize staff to submit online.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Notification of Grant Award for FY2024 Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant Acceptance, project US2414, from the Maryland Department of Aging to provide counseling, education, and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries in the amount of \$15,000 and the related budget amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 - 2027 Area Plan State Award and Federal Application

I move to approve the FY2024-2027 Area Plan Application Federal and Notice of Grant Award for the state grants, Project #s MD2401, MD2402, MD2404, MD2406, MD2414 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$185,864 to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County, the related budget amendments for the respective project budgets and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 2 of 3) Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 2 of 3) grant award, project #US2410 from the Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps Senior on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$140,846 total; \$50,000 Federal; \$42,254 Required County Match and \$48,592 Additional County funding to continue this volunteer program and authorize the Commissioner President to execute related documents to include budget amendment to match award.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approve the CY2024 Commissioner's Meeting Schedule and the FY2025 Budget Calendar

I move to approve the calendar year 2024 Commissioner's meeting schedule and accept the fiscal year 2025 budget calendar as amended and direct staff to circulate the instructions and schedule the meetings based on this calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to obtain Legal Advice and Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
D. Bruce Poole, The Poole Law Group
Scott Simmer, Barron & Budd, PC
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:03 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consult with counsel on possible litigation.

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
Victoria Shearer, Outside Council
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:37a.m. - 11:59 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in litigation.

C. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
John Houser, Assistant County Administrator
Jessica Andritz, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:03 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To receive legal advice from counsel.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 19, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator